



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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Mr. Jon Sandoval
Chairman, DOE Forum
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Dear Mr. Sandoval:

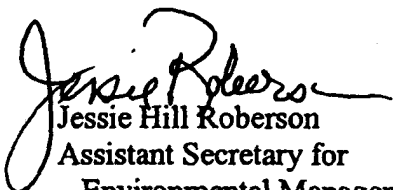
The purpose of this letter is to request your review and comment on draft policy and guidance related to the Department of Energy's environmental cleanup efforts.

The Department of Energy has initiated a project: *Cleanup Program Driven by Risk-Based End States Project*, that we believe will be pivotal in both accelerating our cleanup efforts and achieving end states that are protective of human health and the environment. Enclosed for your review and comment are the Department of Energy's draft corporate policy and site-based guidance documents. We would appreciate your **comments** by January 31, 2003.

The Department is using this project, as well as the other Corporate Projects, to recommend changes to the way we do business. The potential scope, as well as the nature of this project, requires the involvement of a broad set of intergovernmental groups. As the other Corporate Projects make progress we will look for opportunities to involve the most relevant and affected groups in a manner that supports both public involvement and project schedules. An overall approach to coordination is under consideration and will be discussed with you as we move forward.

I look forward to working with you in the coming months as we move forward on this initiative. If you have any questions regarding this risk-based end state project, please contact me or contact Mr. David Geiser at (202) 586-9280 or david.geiser@em.doe.gov.

Sincerely,


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Environmental Management

Enclosures